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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3333  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: SYRO-IRAQI RELATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR DAOUDY TOLD CHARGE JUNE 8  
THAT HE SAW NO NEAR TERM PROSPECT FOR SYRIAN-IRAQI RECONCILIA-  
TION. SYRIA CONTINUED TO BE READY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, HE SAID,  
BUT IRAQ HAD NOT RECIPROCATED IN ANY WAY.

2. DAOUDY SAID SITUATION HAD NOT CHANGED SINCE PRES.  
BOUMEDIENE'S ATTEMPTED MEDIATION LAST JANUARY. ASSAD HAD  
DISARMED BOUMEDIENE COMPLETELY BY SAYING, "TELL ME  
WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO AND I WILL DO IT." BOUTEFLIKA HAD  
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HAD FLOWN TO BAGHDAD AND SADDAM HUSSEIN HAD REFUSED  
EVEN TO SEE HIM.

3. DAOUDY DISMISSED CURRENT TENSIONS BETWEEN IRAQ AND  
SOVIET UNION AS MARGINAL MATTERS. THEY WOULD NOT AFFECT  
THE "STRATEGIC BASE" OF IRAQI-SOVIET RELATIONS, HE SAID.  
THE IRAQIS HAD MADE THIS CLEAR BOTH DIRECTLY, IN COMMAND

MEMBER NADIM HADDAD'S STATEMENT, AND INDIRECTLY,  
THROUGH AN ARTICLE IN AN-NAHAR IN BEIRUT.

4. COMMENT: DAOUDY'S REMARKS SEEM TO UNDERCUT THOSE OF HIS  
OWN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO PREDICTED TO PEOPLE'S COUNCIL JUNE 5  
THAT IRAQ WOULD BREAK ITS FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH THE  
SOVIET UNION, THUS PROMPTING HADDAD'S ANGRY REBUTTAL.  
SYRIA, WHICH HAS ALWAYS REFUSED TO SIGN SUCH A TREATY,  
MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EMBARRASS IRAQ OR TO SUGGEST  
THAT SUCH A TREATY IS UNNECESSARY FOR A VIABLE  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS.  
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